

Laboratories under BIS

1123. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) after 4th February, 2004 till date how many laboratories have been set up by Bureau of Indian Standards,

(b) the number of samples collected and tested in these labs so far;

(c) among (b) above, how many samples of soft drinks have been tested; and

(d) what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Bureau of Indian Standards has not set up any laboratory of its own after 4.2.2004. In order to aid the testing of samples generated from the product certification activities of BIS, a scheme for recognizing the outside laboratories is in operation. In the field of Packaged Drinking Water/Packaged Natural Mineral Water so far twenty laboratories have been recognized by BIS.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Treatment of accident victims

1124. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private hospitals do not provide medical care to patients who seek emergency treatment;

(b) whether it is mandatory for private hospitals to provide emergency treatment to patients/accident victims who are brought to their hospitals and if not whether there is any proposal to make it mandatory;

(c) the details of Government and private hospitals in Delhi/New Delhi and how many accident victims were brought in these hospitals during the last two years and how many of them were shifted to other hospitals and how many of them died; and